



GRANTS MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM
2010-014

DATE: August 25, 2010
TO: All California Emergency Management Agency Subgrantees & Interested Parties
FROM: Homeland Security Grants
RE: Joint Information Center (JIC) Update

In March 2010, the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) participated in a statewide conference call with the California Operational Area Coalition (COAC) to address grant management issues and concerns.

The Cal EMA responded to these concerns; however, one (1) area needed to be addressed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) regarding Joint Information Center (JIC) expenditures as they relate to Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding.

In support of our subgrantees due to issues arising from the aforementioned conference call, the Cal EMA submitted a request to DHS/FEMA in support of an Operational Area (OA) Joint Information Center (JIC) project.

The Cal EMA received a response approving the formal process for the OA in question, as well as a consideration from DHS/FEMA to modify the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) to reflect expenditures for the establishment of a JIC as an allowable expense under the HSGP. DHS/FEMA shall review all available information and make any changes accordingly.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support and we look forward to working with our subgrantees and DHS/FEMA to ensure all grant management issues are addressed appropriately.

For further assistance, please feel free to contact your Cal EMA Program Representative. The Homeland Security Grant Section Regional Assignment Map with names and contact information for each representative can be viewed at:
[http://www.calema.ca.gov/WebPage/oeswebsite.nsf/ClientOESFileLibrary/Homeland%20Security%20Files/\\$file/HSGP_regional_map.pdf](http://www.calema.ca.gov/WebPage/oeswebsite.nsf/ClientOESFileLibrary/Homeland%20Security%20Files/$file/HSGP_regional_map.pdf).

Sincerely,



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